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Comment on PROJECT # 3028516; 11340 23RD Ave NE.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the proposed re plat of the property located at 11340 23rd Ave NE.

My property is located adjacent to the property on its northern boundary (2301 NE 115th St).

This parcel is covered with second growth firs, cedars and mature deciduous trees. It is a rich habitat for birds and wildlife and over the years I have observed Bald Eagles, Merlins, Owls and countless songbirds nesting in the trees on the property. Removal of these trees will have a disastrous impact on available habitat in the neighborhood.

The mature trees also provide an important windscreen for the mature Firs and Cedars on my property and on the property's to the South and North East. Without the wind protection the continuous canopy provides many additional trees will be threatened on all sides of the proposed project.

Excavation for the foundations of additional housing will also adversely impact the root balls of existing mature trees on all sides of the parcel.

The loss of these rare Heritage quality trees would be a disaster for the neighborhood and the city both in terms of natural habitat and in the character and value of homes nearby.

The City of Seattle recently spent millions of dollars of taxpayer funds to create a drainage system to divert water from the hillside directly to the West of the project from entering the Thornton Creek Drainage area (See City of Seattle Thornton Creek Natural Drainage Project) It is absurd to have spent these funds and then allow a project that will create thousands of square feet of new impervious surface which will drain directly into the Thornton Creek drainage.

The construction of six SF homes on this site will also certainly have an extremely negative impact on the City of Seattle's goal to protect both the natural habitat and stream quality below. (See City of Seattle Thornton Creek Watershed Management Project) The stated goal of the project, to "restore the Thornton Creek ecosystem for the welfare of fish, wildlife and people, improve the quality of life in the watershed and prevent further degradation of the

watershed as population and development increase" will not be met by allowing this project to proceed.

Finally, the character of our lovely neighborhood will be irreparably changed and diminished by the density of this proposal. The addition of six homes on this site will damage the environment, damage the architectural harmony of the neighborhood, and be directly opposed to the city's own stated goals for the Thornton Creek Drainage. There is a great deal of concern from the entire neighborhood about this proposal and I / we implore you not to approve it.

Thank you,

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